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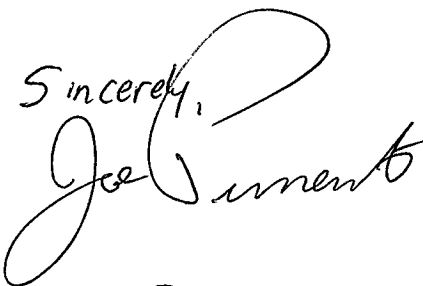
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Dear MR. Ritchie:

I am writing to ask you to extend the Time to read and comment on the final environmental report released July 21. I also believe Cal-Fed should hold public hearings on the plan, so that we who must abide by it can understand how we fit into the plan.

Cal-Fed must recognize California farmland as a valuable environmental resource. The Cal-Fed plan would take nearly 250,000 acres out of production. Cal-Fed has not give enough thought to the environmental impact of this land conversion. The plan needs to look for ways to reduce the loss of farmland.

Sincerely,



JOE Pimentel